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1. ECOSOC PLENARY MAY 4 CONCLUDED ELECTIONS BEGUN
PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL).

2. CONTEST TO ELECT 10 MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
UNICEF FOR THREE YEAR TERMS BEGINNING 1 AUGUST 1978,
SAW ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION OF CANDIDATE OF AFRICAN
(GHANA AND SENEGAL), ASIAN (INDIA AND PHILIPPINES), LATIN
AMERICAN (VENEZUELA), AND EASTERN EUROPEAN (BYELORUSSIAN
SSR) GROUPS. WESTERN EUROPEANS FIELDDED FIVE CANDIDATES
FOR FOUR SEATS. RESULTS WERE 53 BALLOTS CAST:
AUSTRALIA (35), NETHERLANDS (US)(38), SWEDEN (US)(47),
SWITZERLAND (US)(43), UK (US)(41), AND TWO VOTES FOR
AUSTRIA, WHICH WAS NOT A CANDIDATE. NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN,
SWITZERLAND AND UK WERE DECLARED ELECTED.

3. CONTEST TO ELECT 16 MEMBERS TO GOVERNING COUNCIL OF
UNDP FOR THREE YEAR TERMS BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1979,
SAW ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION OF CANDIDATES FROM AFRICAN
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(EGYPT, GAMBIA, SIERRA LEONE) AND EASTERN EUROPEAN (USSR)
GROUPS. RESULTS OF 54 BALLOTS CAST FOR THREE ASIAN PLUS
YUGOSLAV SEATS WERE AFGHANISTAN (29), BANGLADESH (48)(US),
PRC (45)(US), AND FIJI (32)(US): AFGHANISTAN WAS NOT
ELECTED. RESULTS OF 54 BALLOTS CAST FOR LATIN AMERICAN
CANDIDATES WAS BAHAMAS (US)(22), BARBADOS (24),
COLOMBIA (30)(US), CUBA (36), AND MEXICO (US)(37),

WITH COLOMBIA, CUBA AND MEXICO DECLARED ELECTED.
JAMAICA RECEIVED ONE VOTE. RESULT OF 54 BALLOTS CAST
FOR SIX WESTERN EUROPEAN SEATS WAS AUSTRIA (US)(42),
DENMARK (US)(37), GREECE (43)(US). DENMARK WAS DECLARED
NOT ELECTED.

4. CONTEST TO ELECT FIVE MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON FOOD
AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING
1 JANUARY 1979 SAW ACCLAMATION ELECTION OF AFRICAN
GROUP CANDIDATE (NIGER) AND WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP
CANDIDATES (SWEDEN AND NEW ZEALAND). ASIAN GROUP
FIELDED THREE CANDIDATES FOR TWO SEATS. RESULTS OF
THE 53 BALLOTS CAST WERE PAKISTAN (US)(42), JAPAN (US)(44),
AND THAILAND (14).

5. FOLLOWING THE VOTING THE USSR DELEGATE EXPLAINED THAT
IF THE CONTESTS IN WHICH CHILE HAD BEEN A CANDIDATE
ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION HAD BEEN PUT TO THE VOTE, THE
USSR WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED FOR CHILE. YOUNG

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